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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith for appropriate action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents:

1. Transmittal Letter;
2. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment;
3. Appendix A – Pending Claims 1-6 and 9-11 – Clean Version;
4. Appendix B – Pending Claims 1-6 and 9-11 – Marked-Up Version; and
5. Postcard evidencing the same.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121) dated 30 December 2002, and prior to the examination of the application, please amend the claims as follows. The instant claim amendment serves to supercede the claim amendment filed on 07 October 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the second occurrence of claim 5 (the claim 5 which immediately follows claim 6, and immediately precedes claim 7), and please cancel claims 7 and 8, as indicated in Appendix B.

Please add new claims 9-11 as set forth in Appendix B

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims is set forth as Appendix A for the Examiner's convenience.